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$$----(CH_2)_n$$
  $----R^7$  (III)

wherein,

R<sup>7</sup> a reactive functional group; and n is a number from 1 to 20.

- 10. (Once Amended) The compound according to claim 9, wherein n is a number from 2 to 9.
- 11. (Once Amended) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R<sup>2</sup> has the structure:

$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ \parallel \\ ----(CH_2)_q C(CH_2)_s ---- R^7 \end{array}$$
 (IV)

wherein,

 $R^7$  is a reactive functional group; and q and s are numbers independently selected from 1 to 20.

- 12. (Once Amended) The compound according to claim 11, wherein s is a number from 2 to 9.
- (Once Amended) A compound according to claim 15, wherein R<sup>2</sup> has the structure:

$$----(CH_2)_n$$
  $----R^7$  (III)

wherein,

R<sup>7</sup> is a reactive functional group; and n is a number from 1 to 20.

**22.** (Once Amended) The compound according to claim 21, wherein n is a number from 2 to 9.

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 $D^3$ 

25. (Once Amended) A compound having a structure that is a member

selected from:

wherein,

m is a number selected from 1 to 20; n is a number from 0 to 20; and Z is a reactive functional group.

26. (Once Amended) The compound according to claim 25, wherein m and n are numbers independently selected from 2 to 9.

## **REMARKS**

## Status of the Claims

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-12 and 15-27 are pending after entry of this amendment. Claim 6 has been canceled. Claims 9-12, 21, 22, 25, and 26 are amended to more distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant believes to be his invention.